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Dear Associates and Friends,

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The article for August 2022 is “[Assumptions About Satan](#).” It clarifies issues about the great adversary of humanity and God, Satan the Devil. Satan was not an angel. Satan was not a cherub. He was apparently unique. All his titles and names are given in Revelation 12:9 and 20:2. He has no other identifiers such as “**King of Babylon**” in Isaiah chapter 14, or as an “**anointed cherub**” in Ezekiel chapter 28.

The true nature of the spirit realm needs to be understood. Contrary to common religious dogma, spirits can and will die if they sin, and the vast majority of them have sinned against their God. After they die they will be brought back to life to reconcile with their Creator God through God’s Son Christ Jesus and even with our assistance:

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

• *Colossians 1:16–18*

“... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things [1] in heaven, and things [2] in earth, and things [3] under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, [Why?] to the glory of God the Father.”

• *Philippians 2:10–11*

The result will be for Jesus to begin the process to “**reconcile all things**” with every created intelligent human or spirit:

... And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”

• *Colossians 1:20*

However, before Christ returns to raise us from the dead and give us glorified bodies (and able to assist Christ to reconcile all things), we will find ourselves in a struggle. We will need to ...

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God ...”

• *Ephesians 6:11–13*

We are not at war with the spirit entities, but they are at war with us. Paul says we “wrestle” with them. I think the word “wrestle” is a strange word for Paul to use in our struggle with the devil and his spirit entities. We must use spiritual weapons against them, and not physical weapons such as swords or guns. Our main weapon is “**the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**” (Ephesians 6:17).

Sad News

We received word that a friend of ASK and mine, Tim Parrott, died in early June 2022. I tried to contact him several times during that month and learned the truth weeks ago. We would speak about once a month. Tim was one of five “pre-readers” of the Newsletters, Articles, and Commentaries that are published each

month by us. Tim asked insightful questions about the ideas in the text (as many of you do) that at times led me to rethink my phrasing to clarify the message of the Newsletter, Article, or Commentary. His help, along with the four other pre-readers (and all of you) make every product better, and stimulate other thoughts.

Tim also helped the late Henry Dye produce the ASK “[ELM Timeline Project](#)” that sets in graphic form Dr. Martin’s chronological work and concepts to more reliably date biblical events. This would help form a foundation to understand biblical prophecies, particularly prophecies with dual or triple fulfillment. Henry and Tim were both engineers and produced a well-organized graphic expression of time relationship of biblical events. And, I think their work useful as an adjunct for biblical study and teaching. Of course it is sourced with biblical references and linked to Dr. Martin’s books and articles.

Signs of the Times

It appears that some leaders in this world desire to force their own people into a dark time of poverty. Let me be blunt. It seems the leaders of all nations literally dislike their own people. They disdain their own constituents, their own citizens, their own employees, with a goal of having us hate each other — all the while trying to reduce the population of the world. It is all very bizarre. Remember rule #1 in my article “[What Is Important](#)” — retaining power above all things.

Evil leaders and evil spirits together seem intent to try to thwart God’s will. They will fail. Someone or some things (plural) are leading or controlling human leaders. These are not ignorant people, but they are deluded, if they are advised by spirit entities “**in high places**” as Paul told us about in Ephesians 6:13 (above). I know that this also is all according to God’s will.

As a child of God, I am an impatient child. We all are. Few of the events occurring in the world fit any of several biblical scenario. It all seems chaotic and we are led by, to put it mildly, less than the best people. The current world situation of disease threats, controlled famine threats, war threats, threats of deliberate imposed poverty, diminished law enforcement, all are being done by leaders acting against the best interests of their own people. Mass movements of people are occurring around the world (and God puts that in their minds to try to go from bad to better circumstances, Acts 17:25–26).

I wait for Paul’s words on Mars Hill at the Acropolis in Athens to be fulfilled, that God ...

“... has determined the times before appointed, and the bounds [borders] of their habitation; [Why?] That [1] they should seek the Lord, if haply [2] they might feel after him, and [3] find him ... For in him we live, and move, and have our being ... For we are also his offspring.

... And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but NOW [God] commands all men every where to repent: Because he has appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man [Jesus] whom he has ordained; whereof he has given assurance unto all men, in that he has raised him from the dead.”

• Acts 17:26-27, 30-31

When these words were spoken, recorded by Luke, Paul thought his words would be fulfilled soon. I pray that the world conversion will begin soon in our time, led by the people of Israel.

But I am impatient ...

Thank You

Thank you all for your support, which has declined, but is continuing in many ways. We know you do what you can to support the work of ASK, because you have told us so. This ministry has been faithful to its mission to teach biblical truth without fear or favor. We thank God for you and hope you thank God for ASK.

Take care of your families and yourselves. Prepare and pray for the best. Be prepared for difficult times. Remember, those people who are thankful to God are mostly happy.

May God bless you as we all look forward to our resurrection.

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